Article- State Government Title 10. Governmental Procedures Subtitle 5. Meetings 10-509. Minutes.

- (1) require any change in the form or content of the Journal of the Senate of Maryland or Journal of the House of Delegates of Maryland; or
  - (2) limit the matters that a public body may include in its minutes.
- (b) (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, as soon as practicable after a public body meets, it shall have written minutes of its session prepared.

(2) A public body need not prepare written minutes of an open session:

- (i) if live and archived video or audio streaming of the open session is available; or
- (ii) if the public body votes on legislation and the individual votes taken by each member of the public body who participates in the voting are posted promptly on the Internet.
  - (c) (1) The minutes shall reflect:

(i) each item that the public body considered;

(ii) the action that the public body took on each item; and

(iii) each vote that was recorded.

- (2) If a public body meets in closed session, the minutes for its next open session shall include:
  - (i) a statement of the time, place, and purpose of the closed session;

(ii) a record of the vote of each member as to closing the session;

(iii) a citation of the authority under this subtitle for closing the session;

and

(iv) a listing of the topics of discussion, persons present, and each action taken during the session.

(3) (i) A session may be tape recorded by a public body.

(iii) A public body shall provide for the preservation for 1 year of its

minutes and any tape recording of its closed meetings.

- (iii) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, the minutes and any tape recording of a closed session shall be sealed and may not be open to public inspection.
- (4) The minutes and any tape recording shall be unsealed and open to inspection as follows:
- (i) for a meeting closed under § 10-508(a)(5) of this subtitle, when the public body invests the funds;

(ii) for a meeting closed under § 10-508(a)(6) of this subtitle, when the public securities being discussed have been marketed: or

- (iii) on request of a person or on the public body's own initiative, if a majority of the members of the public body present and voting vote in favor of unsealing the minutes and any tape recording.
- (d) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, minutes of a public body are public records and shall be open to public inspection during ordinary business hours.
- (e) A public body shall keep a copy of the minutes of each session and any tape recording made under subsection (c)(3)(i) of this section for at least 1 year after the date of the session.